(b) the amount to be spent for slum improvement, housing for poor and construction of roads and bridges in rural areas; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for improving water supply systems in Hyderabad and Secunderabad?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) During the year 2000-2001, as on 30-6-2000, HUDCO has sanctioned loans for an amount of Rs. 100.17 crores for housing projects and Rs. 40.16 crore for various urban infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) HUDCO has tentatively allocated Rs. 70.72 crores for housing programme for the economically weaker sections and low income groups in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh; in addition under the 2-million housing programme HUDCO plans to provide loan assistance for consturction of 73,456 EWS and LIG houses in Andhra Pradesh. For slum improvement and housing for the poor, these allocations for the State can be utilised. For construction of roads and bridges in rural areas, no separate allocation is made but schemes are sanctioned taking into account demands from the State and the viability of the scheme as per HUDCO's guidelines.

(c) No scheme for improvement of water supply in Hyderabad and Secunderabad so far has been received for sanction by the HUDCO during the year 2000-2001.

Unauthorised construction in Farm Houses in Delhi

146. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unauthorised constructions in farm houses in and around Delhi have increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of approved farm houses in Delhi and outskirts of Delhi having unauthorised constructions; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to demolish unauthorised constructions in these farm houses?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal for National Housing Policy

147. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for National Housing Policy with a view to providing shelter to the shelterless; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The National Housing and Habitat Policy of 1998 laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1998 envisages Government's role as enabler rather than builder.

Government aims to create an enabling environment by removing the legal, regulatory, technical and financial constraints facing the Housing Sector. This would help all sections of the Society to gain access to land finance and technology to obtain shelter for themselves. Government will however, continue to intervene directly for the benefit of the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. The long term goal of this policy is to create surplus housing stock either on ownership of rental basis. The State Governments are required to draw up their own action plans to address the housing problems in their States Several steps including fiscal concession have also been initiated.

Funds for creating Employment for Urban Youth in NE States

148. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations of funds made by Government for creating employment opportunities for skilled/ unskilled educated urban youth of North Eastern States during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the target level for each North-East state in this regard during the said period;